

**REMARKS**

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's review of the application as set forth in the July 31, 2007 Office Action.

Claims 1-13, 23, 28-33 and 35 are pending in this application, claims 1, 10, 23, and 28 are independent claims. Claims 14-22, 24-27, 34 and 36 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicant further appreciates the indicated allowability of claims 1 - 13, 23, and 28 – 33 on page 5 of the Office Action.

Attention is drawn to dependent claim 35, which depends from allowable independent claim 23. Claim 35 adds further patentable features to the patentable features of allowable, independent claim 23. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 35 is requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above response, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a 3 (three) months extension of time for filing a reply to the Office Action and submit the required \$525.00 extension fee herewith.

Applicant has included a fee for the necessary extension of time. If additional fees are due, however, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2228, under Order No. 021384.0101PTUS from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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